BioOne 2014 Year in Review

In 2014, the BioOne aggregation—now branded as BioOne Complete—grew to 1.1 million pages and generated nearly 15 million user hits. BioOne Complete’s 179 publications from 136 nonprofit and society publishers benefited from increases in usage, visibility, and revenue, with an increase of 4.9% in publisher royalty sharing over last year. Notably, since the aggregation’s launch in 2001, BioOne has returned over 30 million dollars to the scientific publishing community.

By the Numbers
Through the contributions of its publishers—43% of which are available exclusively in the BioOne aggregation—BioOne Complete added 9,162 new articles in 2014.

The BioOne website drew 16,784,151 total hits, with nearly 15 million from individual users. 1,112 institutions and organizations worldwide now subscribe to BioOne Complete, with an additional 371 institutions subscribing to just the BioOne.1 collection. This gap continues to narrow, as institutions realize the cost-effective benefits of an upgrade to BioOne Complete.

Publisher Revenue Sharing
Curious about how BioOne calculates earnings for participating publishers? Each publication is paid on an annual basis a pro rata share of BioOne’s earnings based on their cumulative pages deposited and the hits they’ve received in the calendar year, relative to the database as a whole. Hits are defined for all publications as accesses to abstracts and full texts (PDF and HTML). Hits do not include administrative usage, member accesses, or automated search engine “bot” hits. In addition to the earnings described above, many publishers earn ancillary revenue through participation.

Surplus Sharing payments for active publications will be distributed on May 31, 2015. If you would like to update your organizational contacts, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Lauren Kane at lauren@arl.org.

Attention Publishers

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Welcoming Town Peterson

Following directly on the annual cherry blossom display and the beginning of tourist season in the Nation’s capital, one of the Spring season’s annual festivities is BioOne’s Publishers & Partners Meeting, which took place Friday, April 24. This year’s event was well attended and produced lively interaction on topics of equal concern to publishers, librarians, and BioOne’s supporting partners.

In addition to welcoming the Publishers & Partners meeting speakers and attendees, BioOne is pleased to welcome A. Townsend Peterson to its Board of Directors. Appointed by The University of Kansas, one of BioOne’s founding organizations, Town is University Distinguished Professor and Curator of Ornithology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Biodiversity Institute of The University of Kansas. His early training was in the systematics of tropical birds, an interest that he maintains via the activities of the Division of Ornithology in the Biodiversity Institute, including field collecting expeditions as frequently as he is able (usually not frequently enough). He also works with distributional ecology and the interaction between biogeography and ecology in shaping species’ geographic distributions. Finally, Town works extensively with disease ecology and biogeography, in the context of both understanding the processes that shape disease transmission, but also in the challenge of mapping the geographic risk of disease transmission.

Town’s work has long centered around opening accession to data, information, and knowledge. For over 20 years, he has worked with the challenge of opening access to biodiversity data, participating in and coordinating the development of early networks that provided important proofs of concept for development to truly open data resources; descendent bio-diversity information networks now provide free and open access to more than half of a billion data records. Town continued to work with challenges in opening access to scholarly literature, and has worked in key committees that passed a faculty-approved Open Access Policy for The University of Kansas. Since passage of the KU policy, he and other colleagues have provided research and commentary designed to optimize the trajectory of the open access movement towards an ideal, and maximally inclusive, solution. Most recently, Town has coordinated the Biodiversity Informatics Training Curriculum, which is an open-access digital “textbook” for the field of biodiversity informatics assembled via training courses across Africa taught by disciplinary experts.

Susan Skomal, PhD.
BioOne President/CEO
BioOne by the Numbers
through December 31, 2014

179 titles from 136 society and nonprofit publishers
74% of titles ranked by ISI
62 titles available online exclusively with BioOne
126,806 articles
1,094,987 pages
16,784,151 total hits
519,032 user hits to BioOne Mobile
71,642 My BioOne profiles registered
8,517 users with saved ToC alerts

Presentations from BioOne’s 2015 Publishers & Partners Meeting

Presentations from the 2015 Publishers & Partners Meeting held on April 24 in Washington, DC, are now available for download on the BioOne site: bioone.org/page/about/presentations

We would like to thank all of our speakers and attendees for their participation and engagement in this collaborative event.

Whether you were at the meeting or unable to join us, we encourage you to peruse these thoughtful and informative presentations and to be in touch with any questions.

• Beyond Authorship: Attribution, contribution, collaboration, and credit
  Dr. Amy Brand
  VP Academic & Research Relations, Digital Science

• Credentialing in a Dysfunctional Market: Lessons learned from Elementa's first year
  Liba Hladik

• Birds of a Feather: How two 130-year-old ornithology journals teamed up to cut costs and publish weekly
  Kathleen Erickson
  Managing Editor, Central Ornithology Publication Office for The Auk and The Condor

• ReadCube: Meeting the needs of the modern researcher
  Alex Hodgson
  Director of Marketing, ReadCube

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  National University of Ireland, Galway
- Kate Miller
  University of Waikato
- The Murdoch University Library
- Elizabeth Murphy
  National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- Nancy Olmos
  University of Southern California

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